



ZION CHURCH

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE
POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

12 November 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Deacons likewise, must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

— 1 Timothy 3:8-9

WELCOME!

We're glad you're here! If you are a newcomer, visitor, or guest:

- ◆ Please take a **Zion coffee mug** from the welcome table in the foyer!
- ◆ **Nursery** is provided for children up to age 3 during Sunday school and both morning services.
- ◆ **Sunday School** classes for children, youth, and adults are at 9:45.
- ◆ **Children's Church** is also available in the 11:00 service for children ages 3-5. The children gather just before the sermon and return during the final hymn.
- ◆ **Busy Bags** for young children are hanging on racks at the back of the worship hall.
- ◆ Please explore the rest of your worship folder for opportunities to **connect** and **serve** at Zion. **We're glad you're here!**

WORSHIP AT ZION

The Zion worship service has a structure and sequence that reflects the way scripture shows how God meets his people. God has made himself known to the world in Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, who took on human flesh, bled and died for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended to the Father's right hand, intercedes for us now, and will come again to receive us at the end. The church assembles on the Lord's day to name the name of Jesus, which is above every name.

- We enter his courts with thanksgiving and praise
- We kneel before him in confession and repentance
- We stand and hear again the Gospel's promise of mercy and forgiveness
- We bring our tribute offerings to our King
- We hear the voice of God from scripture
- We eat at the table Jesus has provided for us
- We depart with his blessing and promise that He will be with us until he comes for us again.

THE MISSION OF ZION CHURCH

By God's grace Zion Church will be a Christ-centered ministry committed to worship God by proclaiming the truth of Scripture and relating to one another on the basis of the transforming power of the Gospel.

As God's people living in community, we will equip one another to pour out our lives for Christ at home, in the city, on the campus, across the Midwest, and to the ends of the earth. This vision rests upon the supernatural work of Christ who alone can build His church through the Spirit's work in our lives together.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

Gathering Song — *How Great Thou Art*

Welcome and Announcements

ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

† Call to Worship *Psalm 105:1-3, Psalm 70:4-5*

Call: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Response: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

† Come Into His Presence With Singing

Our God, Our Help In Ages Past (Trinity Hymnal 30)

Sing to Jesus

Agnus Dei

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Preparation for Confession *Amos 5: 21, 23-24*

Leader: I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

All: But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Silent Confession of Sin

† Declaration of Grace *1 Thessalonians 4: 14, 16, 18*

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God And the dead in Christ will rise first. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

† Song of Gratitude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Trinity Hymnal 32)

Giving Moment

Doxology

*In the 11:00 Service, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for Children's Church,
Children are always welcome in the main worship hall.*

We also stream the service in the Hearth Room at the north end of the front hallway.

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT

Preaching of the Word

Series: Church on Mission

Title: “Seven Servants”

Text: Acts 6:1-7 (*Pew Bible, p. 914*)

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

*The communion trays have wine in the outside ring of wine-colored cups
and a juice option in the inner ring of clear cups.*

*All baptized Christians who are members in good standing with their home congregation
are welcome to join us at the Lord’s table today.*

† Hymn of Celebration

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (Trinity Hymnal 353)

† Benediction

Postlude

Church on Mission
"Seven Servants"
Acts 6:1-7 (pew Bible p. 914)
Sermon Notes: 12 November

1. *A Complaint* in the Early Church

2. *A Solution* in the Early Church

Applications:

Acts 6:1-7

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Questions for Further Discussion:

- ◆ How was the church struggling in today's passage? What was being neglected?
- ◆ What is a 'deacon'?
- ◆ What was the original purpose of adding deacons to the church leadership? How has it changed (or has it)?
- ◆ What is ordination? What is seen in today's passage that continues to this day?

Weekly Ways to Connect: zionpca.com/groups

Sundays, 7:45am: **Prayer in Library**

Sundays, 9:45am: **Education Hour** **NO classes 11/26*

Tuesdays, 9:30am: **Women's Morning Study** (1&2 Peter) **Last study 11/14*

Wednesdays, 6:00pm: **Zion Connection** **Last one 11/15*

Thursdays, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study** (Luke)

Thursdays, 7:00pm: **Women's Evening Study** (Hosea) **Last study 11/16*

Saturdays, 8:15am: **Foodnet Distribution**

Upcoming Events: zionpca.com/calendar

OCC Shoebox Collection Week: November 13-20

It's Collection Week! Bring your shoeboxes to the back door by the gym:

- Monday-Friday: 4:00-6:00pm
- Saturday the 18th: 11:00am-1:00pm
- Sunday the 19th: 1:00-3:00pm
- Monday the 20th: 8:00-10:00am

Contact Jill Greff (greffjill@gmail.com) with questions or to help out this week. For more info on what to pack, see samaritanspurse.org.

Christmas Choir Kickoff: November 14

Sing with us on Christmas Eve! Go to zionpca.com/choir for all the details, and contact Gina Tuck (ginatuck@gmail.com) to join our choir.

Last Connection Night: November 15

Join us for one more Wednesday night! Be sure to thank those who faithfully prep, cook, and clean up meals, as well as those who serve in the nursery and Kids Club.

Officer Meeting: November 16

Pray for our deacons and elders at their joint meeting this week as they prayerfully discuss how best to serve and lead Zion. Find out more about their areas of service at zionpca.com/leadership.

No Education Hour Classes: November 26

We are on break on November 26th. Final classes of the year will be December 10th.

Sunday Mornings: zionpca.com/visit

8:30: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall
Streaming to zionpca.com/livestream & Facebook (@zionpca)

9:45: Education Hour for all ages

11:00: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall
Streaming to Hearth Room

***No Education Hour classes Nov.26;** Classes end Dec.10

See zionpca.com/classes for more info.

Zion Connection: Last Wednesday of the year!

Come and connect with each other on November 15th! Dinner is served starting at 6pm, and then from 7-8pm we have a place for all ages, from nursery to adults. This week's menu is **baked potato bar**.

This is our last Connection of the year, so join us for food and fellowship! Contact connection@zionpca.com to be a part of our Connection team in the new year.

Nursery: zionpca.com/nursery

Nursery care is available during both services, Education Hour, and during Connection on Wednesday nights. If you have any questions or would like to serve, please contact our nursery director **Kelsey Nyenhuis** at nursery@zionpca.com.

How to Give at Zion: zionpca.com/give

God provides all we have, and Christians return a portion of that in thanksgiving. You can put cash and checks in the **black box on the foyer table**. To give online, use this QR code, go to zionpca.com/give, or Venmo @Zion-Church-2.



Budget Update for Q3

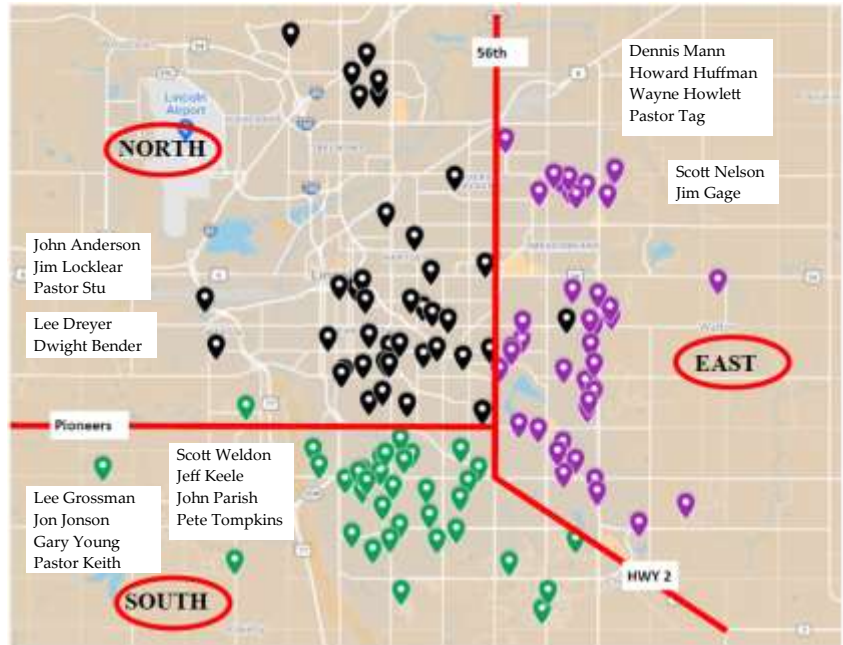
YTD Giving through September 2023: \$620K

YTD Expenses through September 2023: \$648K

Where Are You?

For service, small groups, and social events, we have three Adult Fellowships based on your location in Lincoln:

- **North:** North of Pioneers Boulevard, and west of 56th Street
- **South:** South of Pioneers Boulevard, and south of Highway 2
- **East:** East of 56th Street and north of Highway 2



Forgive by Tim Keller—
with Pastor Stu in the **Hearth Room**

A Sanctuary People: Tabernacle, Temple, and Church—
with Pastor Keith in the **North Classroom**

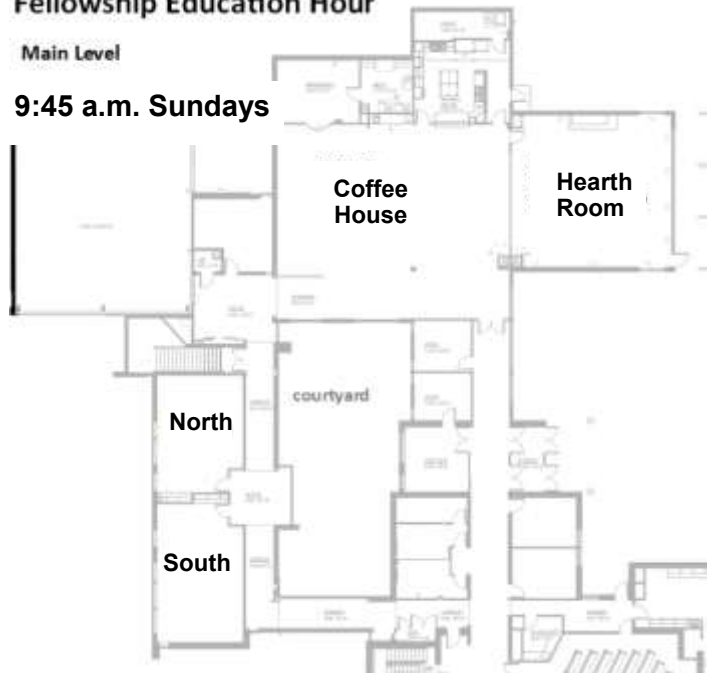
Ephesians 1-3—
with Pastor Tag, Jon Papik, & Adam Kauffman in the **South Classroom**

Nursery, Kids, & Youth: lower level
No classes Nov.26; Classes end Dec.10

Fellowship Education Hour

Main Level

9:45 a.m. Sundays





The Last Load, Dale Nichols, 1966

"And the LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. The LORD will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands.

(Deuteronomy 28:11-12)

How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der_ con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, and hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spa - ring, sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur - den
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble



rol - ling thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the un - i - verse dis - played;
 moun - tain gran - deur_ and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 glad - ly bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ad - o - ra - tion_ and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sa - vior God, to thee: how great thou



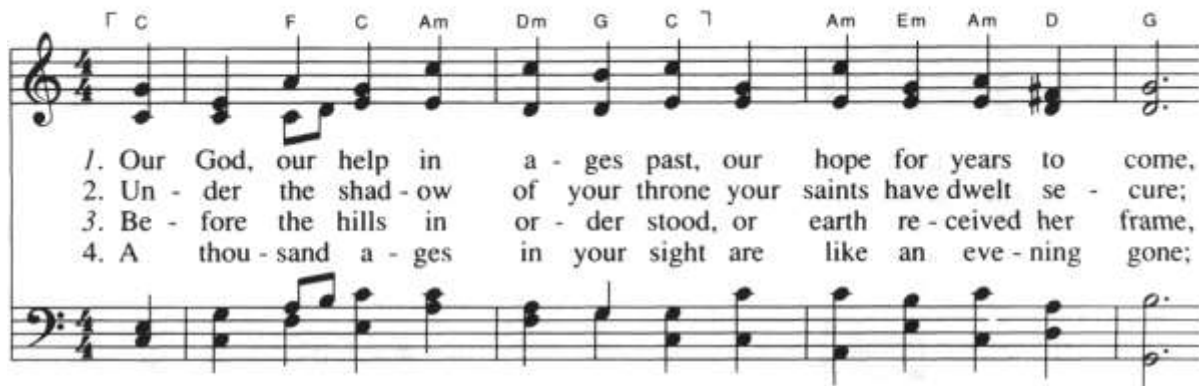
art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sa - vior God, to



thee: how great thou art! How great thou art!

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

Sing to Jesus

Fernando Ortega



1. Come and see, look on this mys - te - ry, the Lord of the U - ni - verse, nailed to a tree
2. Come you weary and he will give you rest, come you who mourn, lay on his breast.



Christ our God, spil - ling his ho - ly blood, bow - ing in an - guish, his sa - cred head.
Christ who died ris - en in par - a - dise, giv - er of mer - cy, giv - er of life.



Sing to Je - sus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sin - ful hearts, He is our great re -
Sing to Je - sus, His is the throne, now and for - ev - er, He is the King of



deem - er, Sing to Je - sus, hon - or his name, sing of his faith - ful - ness, pour - ing his life out
Hea - ven, Sing to Je - sus, we are his own, now and for - ev - er, sing for the love our



in - to death.
God has shown.

Agnus Dei

David Hlebo

Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God who takes a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, who takes a-way the

sin of the world have mer - cy on us. Grant us peace.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam. 3:22, 23*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

REFRAIN
 Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

vid - ed — Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow! Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low!

10 Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host! Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8

1. I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2. I love thy church, O God: her walls be - fore thee stand,
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as - cend;
4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heav'n - ly ways,

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

5. Jesus, thou Friend divine,
our Savior and our King,
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe
shall great deliv'rance bring.

6. Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be giv'n
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heav'n.

COMMITTED TO GOD'S TRUTH

We believe in a holy God who exists eternally in three persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We believe the Bible is the written word of God, and we hold to it as our authority in all matters of faith and life.

We believe all people are sinners, justly deserving God's displeasure, and incapable of saving themselves.

We believe that Jesus Christ – God the Son who became man – lived a sinless life, died on the cross and rose again to accomplish our salvation. We receive this gracious gift through faith alone.

We believe the Holy Spirit gives Christians the daily strength and wisdom they need to walk according to His will and grow in holiness.

We believe that Jesus Christ will return to judge all mankind and to receive His people unto Himself.

For more explanation and resources go to zionpca.com/beliefs

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